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The Balakhna power plant (43°37'E/56°29'N), Gorki Oblast, had nine turbines, seven of which were in operation and two in reserve. Five turbines were of American origin, two of German and two of Swedish. Seven sheet-metal smokestacks were on the boiler house. A power transmission line on steel masts led from the plant, and then in an easterly direction. A second power line on wooden masts led along the road to Gorki and a third line, also on wooden masts, led to Pravdinsk in the north.

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Comment. In early 1948 the power plant was reported to have eight turbines and three boiler houses with a total of approximately 36 boilers. The installation of a ninth boiler since 1948 seems possible, especially since other information indicated such preparations. It is believed that the early 1948 plant capacity of 204,000 kw was increased. Since most of the data on the power plant was obtained indirectly, confirmation is required.

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